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REMARKS

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-13 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bungo (US 2005/0108483).

In response to the rejections thereto, Applicants have incorporated features of claim 2 into claim 1 and cancelled claim 2 therefrom. Applicants hereby traverse the rejections. As such, Applicants submit that the method, as set forth in claim 1-6 and 8-13 are novel and unobvious over Bungo, or any of the other cited references, taken alone or in combination, and thus should be allowed.

With respect to claim 1, as previously presented, recites in part:
A device ... comprising:

...
an interface ...the accessible memory card is selected from a group consisting of a compact flash (CF) card, a memory stick (MS) card, a multimedia card (MMC) and a secure digital card, the interface comprising:

...
a determination device for determining a command issued from the card controller
...

Applicants submit that Bungo failed to teach, suggest, or disclose "a device ... comprising: ... an interface ... comprising: ... a determination device for determining a command issued from the card controller ...", as set forth in claim 1.

Regarding to the above limitation, the Examiner contended that "Bungo discloses

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this limitation as 'sequencer 61' in indicator section, wherein 'the sequencer generates a READL_WRITH signal and outputs it to a command decoder 62 and LED decoders 72 and 73'. However, as is more clearly illustrated, in FIG. 4, the sequencer 61 is contained in or is a part of the "indicator unit section" 40 that is previously interpreted as corresponding to the indicator of the current application as set forth in claim 1, rather than the adapter that is previously interpreted by the Examiner as reading on the interface. Therefore, such an arrangement of the sequencer 61, the indicator unit section 40, and the adapter 20 is distinct from the arrangement of "the determination device", "the indicator", and "the interface", as required by the current invention, as set forth in claim 1.

Furthermore, Applicants submit that Bungo failed to teach, suggest, or disclose "the accessible memory card is selected from a group consisting of a compact flash (CF) card, a memory stick (MS) card, a multimedia card (MMC) and a secure digital card, the interface" as amendment addressed to claim 1.

The Office Action indicated that Bungo discloses "the memory module 80 is an expansion memory card for desktop personal computer" (page 3, para.0062, lines 9-10), and "the existence of a memory card having LEDs for access type indication and an IC card having LEDs that operate in response to an access request from a host apparatus" (background, page 1 para.0005-0006). However, as disclosed in page 3, para.0062,

"The memory module 80 can be connected by inserting the terminal 82 into a motherboard connector (slot) 91 on a motherboard 90 of a desktop PC (computer itself). The motherboard connector 91 is a general-purpose connector having 184 conductive portions corresponding to the arrangement of the terminal 82. The motherboard connector 91 is formed to be able to mount a standardized 184-pin DIMM. When the memory module 80 is inserted into the

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connector 91 from the top, the memory module 80 can be mounted almost perpendicularly to the motherboard 90 and can be connected to the desktop PC.”

The memory module 80 is an expansion memory card for desktop personal computer only in a condition that the memory module 80 should be inserted into the motherboard connectors on the motherboard 90. The memory module 80 is, or inherently is, not “a compact flash (CF) card, a memory stick (MS) card, a multimedia card (MMC) and a secure digital card”, as claimed in claim 1.

As is held in MPEP §2131 and the related case law, “[T]he element must be arranged as require by the claim ...”. Since what are disclosed in Bungo, are not identically arranged as the current invention, as set forth in claim 1, Bungo, when considered in its entirety, does not teach each and every limitation as set forth in claim 1. Claim 1, then, is submitted to be novel and unobvious over Bungo, or any of the other cited references, taken alone or in combination, and thus should be allowed.

Applicants submit that claims 3-13 and 18 directly or indirectly depend on allowable independent claims 1, and thus should also be allowable.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the pending claims 1, 3-13 and 18 are in proper condition for allowance and an action to such effect is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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